

In Congress, 27th May, 1778

IN CONGRESS, 27 MAY, 1778. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN ARMY.

I. INFANTRY. RESOLVED, That each battalion of infantry shall consist of nine companies, one of which shall be of light infantry; the light infantry to be kept compleat by drafts from the battalion, and organized during the campaign into corps of light infantry: That the battalion of infantry consist of Pay per month. Commissioned: 1 Colonel and Captain 75 dollars. 1 Lieutenant Colonel and Captain, 60 1 Major, 50 6 Captains, each 40 1 Captain Lieutenant, 26 2-3 8 Lieutenants, each 26 2-3 9 Ensigns, each 20 to be taken from the line: Paymaster, 20 Adjutant, 13 Quartermaster, 13 in addition to their their pay as officers in the line. Pay per month. 1 Surgeon, 60 dollars. 1 Surgeon's Mate, 40 1 Serjeant Major, 10 1 Quartermaster-Serjeant, 10 27 Serjeants, each 10 1 Drum Major, 9 1 Fife Major, 9 18 Drums and Fifes, each 7 1-3 27 Corporals, each 7 1-3 477 Privates, each 6 2-3 Each of the field officers to command a company. The Lieutenant of the Colonel's company to have the rank of Captain Lieutenant.

II. ARTILLERY That a battalion of artillery consist of Pay per month. Commissioned: 1 Colonel, 100 dollars. 1 Lieutenant Colonel, 75 1 Major, 62 1-2 12 Captains, each 50 12 Captain Lieutenants, each 33 1-3 12 First Lieutenants, each 33 1-3 36 Second Lieutenants, each 33 1-3 Paymaster, Adjutant, Quartermaster, to be taken from the line. 25 16 16 in addition to their pay as officers in the line. 1 Surgeon, 75 Pay per month. 1 Surgeon's Mate, [?]dollars. 1 Serjeant Major, [?] [?]-90ths. 1 Quartermaster-Serjeant, [?] 23-90ths. 1 Fife Major, 10 38-90ths. 1 Drum Major, 10 38-90ths. 72 Serjeants, each 10 72 Bombardiers, each 9 72 Corporals, each 9 72 Gunners, each 8 2-3ds. 24 Drums and Fifes, each 8 2-3ds. 336 Matrosses, each 8 1-3d.

III. CAVALRY. That a battalion of cavalry consist of: Pay per month. dol. Commissioned: 1 Colonel, 93 3-4ths. 1 Lieutenant Colonel, 75 1 Major, 60 6 Captains, each 50 12

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Lieutenants, each 33 1-3d. 6 Cornets, each 26 2-3ds. 1 Riding Master, 33 1-3d. Paymaster, Adjutant, Quartermaster, to be taken from the line. 25 15 15 their pay as officers in the line. Pay per month. 1 Surgeon, 60 dollars. 1 Surgeon's Mate, 40 1 Sadler, 10 1 Trumpet Major, 11 6 Farriers, each 10 6 Quartermaster Serjeants, each 15 6 Trumpeters, each 10 12 Serjeants, each 15 30 Corporals, each 10 324 Dragoons, each 8 1-3d.

III. PROVOST. RESOLVED, That a Provost be established, to consist of: Pay per month. 1 Captain of Provosts, 50 dollars. 4 Lieutenants, each 33 1-3d. 1 Clerk, 33 1-3d. 1 Quartermaster Serjeant, 15 2 Trumpeters, each 10 2 Serjeants, each 15 5 Corporals, each 10 43 Provosts or Privates, each 8 1-3d. 4 Executioners, each 10 This corps to be mounted on horse-back, and armed and accoutred as light dragoons.

RESOLVED, That in the **ENGINEERING** Department three companies be established, each to consist of Pay per month. 1 Captain, 50 dollars. 3 Lieutenants, each 33 1-3d. 4 Serjeants, each 10 4 Corporals, each 9 60 Privates, each 8 1-3d.

These companies to be instructed in the fabrication of field works as far as relates to the manual and mechanical part. Their business shall be to instruct the fatigue parties to do their duty with celerity and exactness: to repair injuries done to the works by the enemy's fire, and to prosecute works in the face of it. The commissioned officers to be skilled in the necessary branches of the mathematics: the non-commissioned officers to write a good hand.

RESOLVED, That the Adjutant and Quartermaster of a regiment be nominated by the field officers out of the subalterns, and presented to the commander in chief or the commander in a separate department for approbation; and that being approved of, they shall receive from him a warrant agreeable to such nomination

That the Paymaster of a regiment be chosen by the officers of the regiment out of the Captains or Subalterns, and appointed by warrant as above: the officers are to risque their

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pay in his hands: the Paymasters to have the charge of the cloathing, and to distribute the same.

RESOLVED, That the Brigade Majors be appointed as heretofore by the commander in chief, or commander in a separate department, out of the Captains in the Brigade to which he shall be appointed:

That the Brigade Quartermaster be appointed by the Quartermaster General, out of the Captains or Subalterns in the brigade to which he shall be appointed.

RESOLVED, That two Aids-de-Camp be allowed to each Major General, who shall for the future appoint them out of the Captains or Subalterns.

RESOLVED, That in addition to their pay as officers in the line there be allowed to An Aid-de-Camp, 24 dollars per month. Brigade Major, 24 Brigade Quartermaster, 15

RESOLVED, That when any of the staff officers appointed from the line are promoted above the ranks in the line out of which they are respectively appointable, their staff appointments shall thereupon be vacated:

The present Aids-de-Camp and Brigade Majors to receive their present pay and rations.

RESOLVED, That Aids-de-Camp, Brigade Majors, and Brigade Quartermasters, heretofore appointed from the line, shall hold their present ranks and be admissible into the line again in the same rank they held when taken from the line; provided that no Aid, Brigade Major or Quartermaster shall have the command of any officers who commanded him while in the line.

RESOLVED, That whenever the Adjutant General shall be appointed from the line, he may continue to hold his rank and commission in the line.

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RESOLVED, That, when supernumerary Lieutenants are continued under this arrangement of the battalions, who are to do the duty of Ensigns, they shall be intitled to hold their rank and to receive the pay such rank intitled them to receive.

RESOLVED, That no more Colonels be appointed in the infantry; but where any such commission is or shall become vacant, the battalion shall be commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel, who shall be allowed the same pay as is now granted to a Colonel of infantry, and shall rise in promotion from that to the rank of Brigadier: and such battalion shall have only two field officers, viz. a Lieutenant Colonel and Major, but it shall have an additional Captain.

29th MAY, 1778.

RESOLVED, That [?] [?] appointed upon the civil staff of the army shall hold or be intitled to any rank in the army by virtue of [?] civilian appointment.

2d JUNE, 1778.

RESOLVED, That the officers herein after mentioned be intitled to draw one ration a day, and no more; that where they shall not draw such ration, they shall not be allowed any compensation in lieu thereof.

And to the end that they may be enabled to live in a manner becoming their stations,

RESOLVED, That the following sums be paid to them monthly for their subsistence, viz. to every Colonel 50 dollars per month; to every Lieutenant Colonel 40 dollars; to every Major 30 dollars; to every captain 20 dollars; to every Lieutenant and Ensign 10 dollars; to every Regimental Surgeon 30 dollars; to every Regimental Surgeon's Mate 10 dollars; to every Chaplain of a brigade 50 dollars.

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RESOLVED, That subsistence money be allowed to officers and others on the staff in lieu of extra rations, and that henceforward none of them be allowed to draw more than one ration a day.

ORDERED, That the Committee of Arrangement be directed to report to Congress as soon as possible such an allowance as they shall think adequate to the station of the respective officers and persons employed on the staff.

Extracts from the Minutes, **CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.**

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